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Parra Notes

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Hello Friends:

I want to begin this week's **Parra Notes** by wishing all of you and your loved ones a wonderful **Thanksgiving Holiday**...Last Friday, I began my day at the **Bakersfield Leadership Program Conference** hosted by the **Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce**. Taking part in the conference were several up-and-coming Valley leaders. I participated in a panel discussion titled "How to Deal with Media." My speech related to my personal experiences in working with local and statewide media. Later that day, I drove to Visalia where I participated in the **Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of California Legislative Reception**. This event is held each year to honor Engineers and Surveyors and to create an open dialogue with local elected officials. During the reception, Assemblymember Maze (R-Visalia) and I participated in a panel discussion.

On Monday, I attended a **Wasco Rotary meeting** where I had the opportunity to give a round-up on the **2005 legislative session**. It was great to see **Wasco Mayor Cherylee Wegman**, **Wasco City Manager Larry Pennell**, and **Wasco Superintendent Gary Bray** who invited me to attend this meeting and to be the guest speaker.

ATTENTION NONPROFITS! SAVE THE DATE

I was recently informed by the **Kern Community Foundation** about a **Grant Workshop** being held by the **Stewardship Council** in **Bakersfield** on **November 30th**. If you work for a community organization servicing youth, you might want to check it out. For more information about this workshop or to RSVP call (866) 791-5150. Additional information is available at www.stewardshipcouncil.org

Bakersfield Grant Workshop
Wednesday, November 30th
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
United Way of Kern County
5405 Stockdale Highway, Suite 200

PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SAVE THE DATE

The next **Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley** meeting will be held on **December 8th and 9th** at the **University of California Merced**. As soon as more details are made available I'll be sure to pass them along.

To learn more about the Partnership visit the Business, Transportation and Housing website by going to www.bth.ca.gov and click on "California Partnership for the Central Valley."

RICHGROVE TOWNHALL *SAVE THE DATE*

On **November 29th** from **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** I will be hosting a town hall at the Richgrove Junior High School Gymnasium located at 20812 Grove Dr. I encourage you all to attend as we will be discussing public safety issues of importance to the community. So please be sure to stop by and share your opinion.

For more information on this event, please be sure to contact Juan Cerda at my Bakersfield district office by dialing (661)334-3745 or by e-mail at Juan.Cerda@asm.ca.gov.

NEED HOMEWORK HELP?

The California State Library has made available through their website a new service called **Live Homework Help**. This service enables students to connect on-line with a tutor for assistance with homework questions. Supported by Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) federal funding, students can access Live Homework Help through [28 California public libraries](http://28california.org). It is important to note that the tutors who respond to student questions are screened, trained, and closely monitored.

Live Homework Help is easy! Log on to <http://www.library.ca.gov/tutor/> from your computer any time between **1:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.** and follow the simple setup instructions.

I WANT YOUR IDEAS!!

It's that time of year again when legislators start brainstorming for legislative ideas they can introduce as Assembly bills in February and eventually turn into law. As a result, I've been busy meeting with various groups and individuals throughout my district to determine what issues in the Valley can best be addressed with new legislation. If you have any ideas for new laws please e-mail me at Assemblymember.Parra@assembly.ca.gov. Make sure to include the words "New Legislation" on the subject line.

EVENTS

During our legislative break, I will be attending several meetings and events throughout the district. Below you will find just a few of the public events that I am scheduled to attend for the remainder of November.

If you or your organization would like to set up a time to meet with me or would like for me to attend an event you are sponsoring, please feel free to contact my Executive Secretary Ellen Manolis at (916) 319-2030 or by e-mail at Ellen.Manolis@asm.ca.gov.

November (Tentative)

- **Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in Kingsburg** – November 25th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Kingsburg
- **Hanford Christmas Parade** – November 25th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Hanford
- **Arvin High School Constitution Team Study Session**- November 28th from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Arvin.

INTERNS WANTED

I am accepting applications for the fall internship program in my **Hanford, Bakersfield** and

Sacramento offices. Candidates should be residents of the 30th Assembly District, possess solid research and communication skills, and have a strong interest in public policy and political issues facing the Central Valley. Applications can be found by going to:
<http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a30>.

For Hanford office internships contact **Matt Rogers** at **(559) 585-7170** or by e-mail at Matt.Rogers@asm.ca.gov.

For Bakersfield office internships contact **Manuel Barrera** at **(661) 334-3745** or by e-mail at Manuel.Barrera@asm.ca.gov.

For Sacramento office internships contact **Michael Tamariz** at **(916) 319-2030** or by e-mail at Michael.Tamariz@asm.ca.gov.

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